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THE END OF DELRAY? A SPECIAL SECTION

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Death is in the air here. It's in the black smoke from Zug Island that smells like sulfur, the stench from the sewage treatment plant, the diseases residents say they've gotten by living here. And a sense of demise underlies the anticipation of the coming bridge to Canada that will wipe most of this area off the map.

Freddy Gutierrez gets out to check his line while fishing along the Rouge River overlooking Zug Island.

A column by John Carlisle with photos by Ryan Garza
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This is Delray, once a thriving neighborhood in southwest Detroit, a destination for immigrants seeking factory work a century ago. Then the city decided that this would be the best location for its heavy industry, and the neighborhood has been dying a slow death ever since, as factories crowded out homes and filled the air with smog.

After the bridge is built, what's left around it will become even more noisy and polluted. So the city is offering homeowners here a free house someplace else, along with money for renovations, to get them away from these inhospitable conditions. Many residents have expressed interest in the offer. But surprisingly, some say no matter how bad it gets here, Delray is still home. And they're not going to leave.

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FBI: Hate crimes spike in Michigan last year

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Last year in Kalamazoo, an 18-year-old service employee who is African-American said she was cursed at with racial remarks by a white customer who also spat on her and told her that Donald Trump was president.

In Grand Rapids, a cab driver and immigrant from Ethiopia, Yemaj Adem, was beat up by a passenger who yelled "Trump" at him.

Just last week a 1,700-member African-American church in Wayne — which had seen with racial attacks with slurs and swastikas previously — was vandalized again in what the pastor said might be another hate crime.

And in Brighton, a woman said two men approached her and said: "Just so you know, we hate (anti-gay slur) and so does our president."

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Wayne County Community College District Chancellor Curtis Ivery's base salary of $243,221 is the highest among area community college leaders.

Despite woes, big pay for college leaders

As enrollment, grad rates fall, perks remain stable

David Jesse
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Should Curtis Ivery decide to step down from leading Wayne County Community College District when his contract is up in 2022, taxpayers will send him off with quite the retirement package — a deferred compensation check of more than $700,000, two annuities and a car, along with a state employee retirement benefit.

If he decides to stay past 2022 — that payout will grow by at least $48,000 each year, according to a contract stuffed with one-of-a-kind provisions.

As metro Detroit's community colleges undergo another round of leadership changes, Ivery, 67, has brought long-term stability to WCCCD by leading the school district for more than 20 years.

Changes at the top of Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College and Henry Ford College either have been completed recently or are in progress. Community colleges are facing a slump in enrollment. The changes in leadership, coupled with the drop in enrollment and graduation rates, puts new focus on compensation for the schools' top leaders.

Of the community college leaders, Ivery's contract stands out as the most complex and unique. The Free Press' review showed that not only does Ivery — the longest-serving head of a Michigan community college — lead the field in

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Curtis Ivery and WCCCD board chairperson Mary Ellen Stempfle confer during a board meeting. SALWAN GEORGES/DFP

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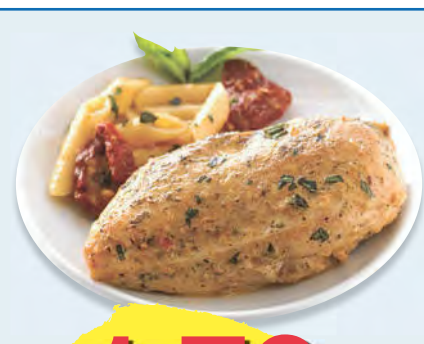

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